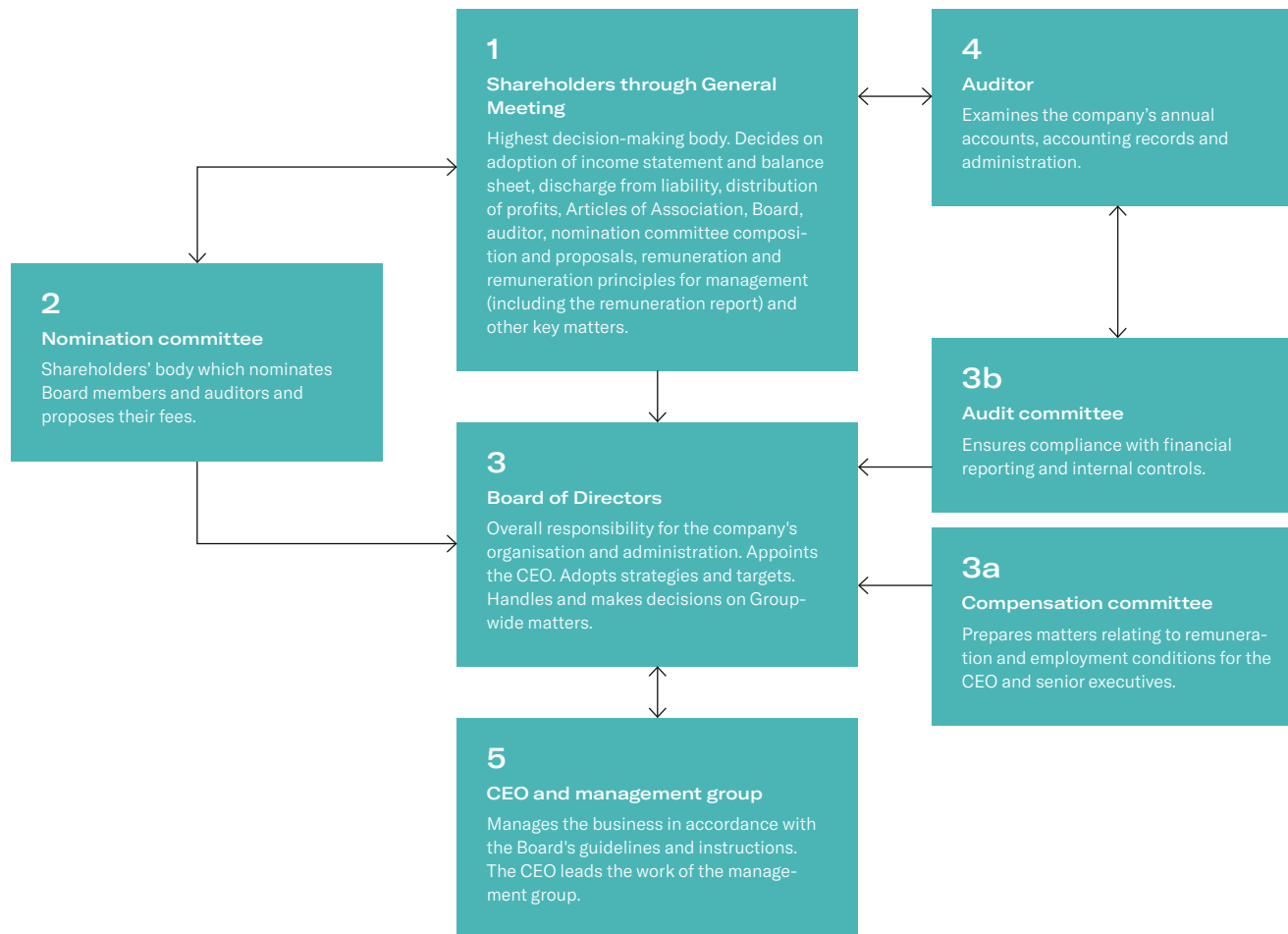


Corporate Governance Report

Governance structure at Ratos



Corporate governance at Ratos

Ratos AB is a public limited liability company and the basis for governance of Ratos is both external and internal regulations. In order to establish guidelines for the company's activities, the Board has prepared and adopted several policy documents. These provide guidance to the organisation and employees based on the core values and principles that must characterise the operations and conduct.

Ratos applies the Swedish Corporate Governance Code (the Code) and did not report any non-compliance with the Code in the 2024 financial year.

This Corporate Governance Report seeks to avoid repetition of information that is included in applicable regulations and primarily to describe corporate governance for Ratos AB.

The company's auditors have performed a statutory examination of the Corporate Governance Report.

Key external rules

- Swedish Companies Act
- Accounting legislation and recommendations
- Nasdaq Stockholm's Rule Book for Issuers
- Swedish Corporate Governance Code

Key internal rules and documents

- Articles of Association
- Rules of procedure for the Board of Directors and Board committees
- Decision-making procedures/authorisation instructions
- Instructions to the President and CEO and reporting instructions
- Internal guidelines, policy documents and manuals which provide guidelines for the Group's operations and employees, such as Ratos's Communication Policy, Insider Policy and Sustainable Business Policy (SBP).

1 Shareholders and general meetings

Share capital and shareholders

Ratos has been listed on Nasdaq Stockholm since 1954. At year-end, the share capital amounted to approximately SEK 1,031m divided among a total of 327,385,688 shares, of which 84,637,060 Class A shares and 242,748,628 Class B shares. The company's Class A shares carry entitlement to one vote per share while Class B shares carry entitlement to one-tenth of a vote per share. Class A and B shares carry the same right to a share of the company's assets and to the same amount of dividend. The general meeting decides on dividends.

At year-end, Ratos had a total of 60,508 shareholders according to statistics from Modular Finance, which collects and processes data from Euroclear, Morningstar, the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority and other sources. The ten largest shareholders accounted for 80.1 per cent of the voting rights and 52.1 per cent of the share capital. More information about Ratos's shares and shareholders is provided on pages 28–29.

General meetings

The general meeting is the highest decision-making body in Ratos and it is through attendance that Ratos's shareholders exercise their influence on the company. Normally, one general meeting is held each year, the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, which is convened in Stockholm before the end of June. Notice is published in the form of an announcement in the Official Swedish Gazette (Post- och Inrikes Tidningar) and on Ratos's website. Publication of the notice is announced in Svenska Dagbladet. All documentation required ahead of the Meeting is available on the website (www.ratos.com) in Swedish and English.

A shareholder with at least one-tenth of the votes in Ratos is entitled to request an extraordinary general meeting. The Board and Ratos's auditor can also convene an extraordinary general meeting.

In order to have a matter considered at an Annual General Meeting, a shareholder must submit a written request to the Board in good time so that the matter can be included in the notice of the meeting, normally approximately seven weeks before the Annual General Meeting. The closing date for such requests is stated on Ratos's website.

Shareholders who are registered on Euroclear Sweden's list of shareholders and who have notified their attendance to the company in due time are entitled to attend the Meeting, in person or through a proxy, and to vote for their holding of shares. Shareholders may bring an assistant to the meeting provided they have notified the company. A summary of the main resolutions to be made at the Annual General Meeting is presented in Ratos's Articles of Association on Ratos's website.

2024 Annual General Meeting

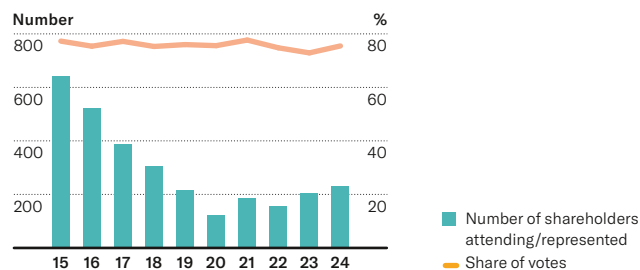
The 2024 Annual General Meeting was held on 26 March 2024 at Grand Hôtel, Studio Stockholm, Stockholm. 230 Shareholders were represented at the Annual General Meeting, either in person, via proxy or through postal voting, who together represented 75.5 per cent of the voting rights and 47.4 per cent of the capital.

All Board members elected by the Annual General Meeting were in attendance (except for Tone Lunde Bakker and Mats Granryd), as were Ratos's CEO and auditor. Minutes and information about the 2024 Annual General Meeting in both Swedish and English as well as the CEO's address to the Meeting are published on Ratos's website.

Resolutions at the 2024 Annual General Meeting included the following:

- Dividend of SEK 1.25 per Class A and B share, a total of SEK 408m
- Fees of SEK 990,000 to the Chairman of the Board and SEK 510,000 to each member of the Board as well as fees to auditors
- Re-election of Board members Per-Olof Söderberg, Tone Lunde Bakker, Ulla Litzén, Jan Söderberg and Jonas Wiström, and election of Mats Granryd and Cecilia Sjöstedt as new Board members. Karsten Slotte declined re-election. Re-election of Per-Olof Söderberg as Chairman of the Board
- Re-election of the audit firm Ernst & Young AB (EY)
- Resolution on the remuneration report
- Resolution on certain minor adjustments to the principles for appointing the nomination committee
- Offer to CEO and other key employees in Ratos to acquire convertibles and warrants in Ratos
- Authorisation for the Board of Directors to acquire and transfer Ratos shares
- Authorisation for the Board to decide on a new issue of a maximum of 35 million B shares to be used for acquisitions.

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting



2025 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Ratos AB (publ) will be held on Wednesday, 26 March 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Grand Hôtel, Spegelsalen entrance, Studio Stockholm, Stockholm.

For matters related to the nomination committee and the Annual General Meeting, refer to Ratos's website. For further information about the Annual General Meeting, see page 155.

2 Nomination committee

The Annual General Meeting has decided on the principles for how the nomination committee should be appointed and these principles apply until otherwise decided by the general meeting. The nomination committee is to comprise a minimum of five members together with the Chairman. The nomination committee's members are to be appointed by the largest shareholders in terms of voting rights as of the last banking day in August the year before the Annual General Meeting. For the purposes of determining the largest shareholders in terms of voting rights, a group of shareholders will be deemed to constitute a single shareholder if they have notified the company in writing that they have agreed in writing to adopt a common long-term approach to the management of the company through the joint exercise of voting rights. The member appointed by the largest shareholder in terms of voting rights is to be the Chairman of the nomination committee, unless the nomination committee decides otherwise.

If a shareholder waives the entitlement to appoint a member, the shareholder who is the next largest owner in terms of voting rights is to appoint a member. The majority of the members of the nomination committee are to be independent in relation to the company and executive management. The nomination committee's mandate period extends until a new nomination committee has been appointed. If a member resigns from the nomination committee, the owner that appointed the member is entitled to appoint a replacement. If a shareholder that has appointed a member of the nomination committee has significantly reduced its shareholding in the company and thus is no longer one of the five largest shareholders in terms of voting rights, or if a new shareholder becomes one of the five largest shareholders in terms of voting rights, the nomination committee may offer another shareholder an opportunity to appoint a replacement for the member appointed by the shareholder that is no longer one of the five largest shareholders in terms of voting rights. The nomination committee may also decide to co-opt such a replacement to the nomination committee instead.

The current composition of the nomination committee was announced on Ratos's website and disclosed through a press release on 23 September 2024.

The nomination committee comprises:

- Jenny Parnesten, appointed by the Ragnar Söderberg Foundation as well as own and related parties' holdings, Chairman of the nomination committee
- Markus Söderberg, appointed by Jan Söderberg Förvaltning as well as own holdings
- Maria Söderberg, appointed by the Torsten Söderberg Foundation as well as own holdings
- Erik Brändström, appointed by Spiltan Fonder
- Karin Eliasson, appointed by Handelsbanken Fonder
- Per-Olof Söderberg, Chairman of Ratos's Board.

Combined, the nomination committee represents 62 per cent of the voting rights for all the shares in the company.

A summary of the nomination committee's tasks is presented in Ratos's instructions to the nomination committee on Ratos's website.

Nomination committee's work ahead of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Ahead of the 2025 Annual General Meeting, the nomination committee held three minuted meetings and was in regular contact in between. In its work, the nomination committee has taken note of the internal evaluation of the Board's work, taken the Chairman's account of the Board's work and the CEO's account of the company's strategies. Together with other members of the committee, the nomination committee chairman has also interviewed individual Board members.

Ratos is a Swedish group focused on technological and infrastructure solutions. This strategy requires the Board to have a broad industrial background as well as a documented ability to operate and develop companies in different industries and phases of development. Ratos's Board has in recent years gradually been renewed, at the same time as a certain consistency has been kept. It is the nomination committee's opinion that the current Board functions well and with a great deal of commitment from each member. Board member and Chairman of the audit committee, Ulla Litzén, has informed the nomination committee that she will decline re-election at the 2025 Annual General Meeting. In looking for a new member, it was important for the nomination committee to find an experienced and high-profile audit chairman, with previous CFO experience as well as sustainability reporting experience,

who has good leadership skills and a wide network of contacts. The nomination committee considers Gunilla Berg to have documented abilities in these areas. The nomination committee is of the opinion that Gunilla Berg will have the opportunity to devote the necessary time and commitment to their role as a Board member.

The nomination committee deems the members proposed for election to have broad and complementary experience that more than adequately meets the set requirements.

The nomination committee also deems the proposed composition of seven Board members to be suitable and appropriate.

The requirement for independence is also assessed as having been met.

The nomination committee has continued to discuss requirements for diversity based in part on the Code's requirement for stipulating how the diversity policy has been applied and has chosen to use Rule 4.1 of the Code, which states that the Board is to exhibit diversity and breadth of qualifications, experience and background, and strive for an equal gender balance. Following deliberation by the nomination committee regarding, for example, the Board members' background and experience, it is noted that the gender balance for the proposed Board will be 42.9 per cent women and 57.1 per cent men, as the members proposed include three women and four men.

Proposals regarding fees to the members of the Board as well as remuneration for committee work have been prepared by the five members of the nomination committee who are not members of Ratos's Board.

Shareholders have been informed that proposals to the Annual General Meeting can be submitted to the nomination committee.

The nomination committee's proposals, an account of the work of the nomination committee ahead of the 2025 Annual General Meeting as well as complementary information on proposed members of the Board will be announced in conjunction with the Notice of the Meeting and be presented at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

No fees have been paid for participation in the nomination committee.

Deviations/violations

Ratos follows the Code without deviation.

No violations of Nasdaq Stockholm's Rule Book for Issuers or good practice in the stock market have occurred.

3 Board of Directors

Composition of the Board

Ratos's Board is to comprise of a minimum of four and a maximum of nine members. The Board is appointed by the shareholders at each Annual General Meeting. The mandate period is thereby one year.

The 2024 Annual General Meeting resolved that the Board is to consist of seven members and no deputies. Board members Per-Olof Söderberg, Tone Lunde Bakker, Ulla Litzén, Jan Söderberg and Jonas Wiström were re-elected, and Mats Granryd and Cecilia Sjöstedt were elected as new Board members. Karsten Slotte declined re-election. Per-Olof Söderberg was re-elected as Chairman of the Board. The CEO is part of the Board and attends Board meetings. 86 per cent (all, the CEO excluded) of the Board members are independent in relation to Ratos. The composition of the Board and an assessment of each Board member's independence is presented in more detail on pages 80–81.

Responsibilities and duties of the Board

The Board has overall responsibility for Ratos's organisation and management of its affairs, in the interests of both the company and its shareholders. The Board adopts financial targets, decides on the company's strategy and business plan, and ensures good internal control, risk management and an adequate sustainability programme. The work of the Board is regulated by, among other things, the Swedish Companies Act, the Articles of Association, the Code and the formal work plan adopted by the Board for its work. The Board's overarching responsibility cannot be delegated but the Board may appoint committees tasked to prepare and evaluate matters ahead of a decision by the Board.

Each year, the Board adopts a formal work plan for its work designed to ensure that the company's operations and financial circumstances are controlled in an adequate manner. The formal work plan describes the special role and duties of the Chairman of the Board, decision-making procedures, instructions for Ratos's CEO and reporting as well as areas of responsibility for the committees. Furthermore, the Board also adopts annually a number of policy documents for the company's operations and ensures that there is satisfactory control of the company's compliance with laws, rules and internal guidelines. The Board ensures compliance through various tools including Ratos's annual risk management process and assurance mapping, in which responsibility for and validation of internal processes and identified risks are clarified.

The main duty of the Chairman of the Board is to lead the work of the Board and ensure that Board members carry out their respective duties.

Work of the Board in 2024

During 2024, a total of 17 minuted Board meetings were held: six ordinary meetings, one statutory meeting per capsulam, two extraordinary meetings and eight per capsulam. Board meetings have a recurrent structure with established key items. Information and documentation for decision ahead of Board meetings are usually sent out approximately one week before each meeting. Ratos's General Counsel has taken the minutes at the Board meetings.

At every ordinary Board meeting, information is presented about the company's financial position and important events that affect the company's operations. At extra Board meetings, acquisition and divestment matters are normally examined as well as financing and incentive

matters. Extra Board meetings are held when such matters requiring a Board decision arise. 2024 was characterised by add-on acquisition, sustainability and financing matters. Senior executives at Ratos attended Board meetings to present specific matters.

Evaluation of the Board

The Board annually evaluates the work of the Board in a structured process where members are given an opportunity to express their opinions on working methods and efficiency, Board material, the performance of the members and the scope of the assignment in order to develop the Board's working methods. For the 2024 financial year, the evaluation was performed internally with the members answering an anonymous questionnaire, and the results of the evaluation have been presented by the Chairman with a subsequent discussion by the Board. Furthermore, the Chairman of the nomination committee, along with other committee members, held individual interviews with each Board member. The results of the evaluation have been reported to the nomination committee. The evaluation indicates that the Board work is deemed to function well.

Committees

The Board has established a compensation committee and an audit committee in order to structure, improve efficiency and assure the quality of its work, and to prepare the Board's decisions within these areas. The members of these committees are appointed annually at the statutory Board meeting.

Composition of the Board

Name ¹⁾	Elected year	Independent of the company	Independent of major shareholders	Total fee ²⁾ , SEK thousand	Attendance at meetings 2024		
					Compensation committee meetings	Audit committee meetings	Board meetings
Per-Olof Söderberg	2000	Yes	No	1,175	3/3	8/8	17/17
Jan Söderberg	2000	Yes	No	695	3/3	8/8	17/17
Mats Granryd	2024	Yes	Yes	620	-	4/4	12/13
Ulla Litzén	2016	Yes	Yes	840	-	8/8	17/17
Tone Lunde Bakker	2022	Yes	Yes	620	-	8/8	17/17
Cecilia Sjöstedt	2024	Yes	Yes	695	1/2	4/4	12/13
Jonas Wiström ³⁾	2016	No	Yes	0	-	-	15/17
Total				4,645			

¹⁾ Karsten Slotte declined re-election at the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

²⁾ Relates to fees for the Annual General Meeting year 2024/2025.

³⁾ Jonas Wiström received no fee for his role as an ordinary Board member.

3a Work of the compensation committee

The compensation committee has both an advisory function (follow-up and evaluation) and a preparatory function for decision matters prior to their examination and decision by Ratos's Board.

The following matters, among others, are handled by the compensation committee:

- The CEO's terms of employment, and terms for executive management and those directly subordinated to the CEO
- Follow and evaluate variable remuneration programmes for executive management
- Matters of principle concerning pension agreements, severance pay, notice periods, bonus/earnings-related remuneration, fees, benefits, etc.
- Prepare matters and decisions relating to the incentive systems for Ratos and the companies, in some cases for decision by the Board and/or the general meeting
- The Board's proposal to the Annual General Meeting regarding guidelines for remuneration to senior executives and the report on remuneration to senior executives.

The compensation committee works in accordance with an adopted formal work plan. Normally, early in the autumn, an examination is carried out to see whether there are any major remuneration-related matters of principle to prepare. If such matters exist, they are addressed ahead of a final proposal at the ordinary meetings in December and January. In 2024, the compensation committee made a thorough evaluation of Ratos's remuneration structures and incentive programmes, which resulted in a proposal from the committee to leave the structure for variable cash salary for 2024 essentially unchanged and, as in 2023, a proposal to the 2024 Annual General Meeting that a new long-term incentive programme be introduced in the form of a warrants and convertible debenture programme. No modifications to the remuneration guidelines are proposed ahead of the 2025 Annual General Meeting. The compensation committee also performs an annual evaluation of Ratos's long-term incentive scheme and prepares an annual report on remuneration to senior executives, which the Board presents to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

During 2024, Per-Olof Söderberg (Chairman of the Board and of the compensation committee), Jan Söderberg and Cecilia Sjöstedt were members of the compensation committee.

The compensation committee held three minuted meetings in 2024 and in between has been in regular contact. Ratos's General Counsel has taken the minutes of the committee. The compensation committee provides continuous oral reports to the Board and submits proposals on matters that require a Board decision. Minutes are made available to all members of the Board. The CEO and other senior executives normally attend the meetings of the committee to present specific matters.

3b Work of the audit committee

In 2024, all Board members except the CEO served on the audit committee. All members of the audit committee are regarded as independent of the company and its management. Ulla Litzén is the Chairman of the committee. The company's auditor participated in all eight audit committee meetings in 2024.

The audit committee held eight minuted meetings. Ratos's General Counsel has taken the minutes of the committee.

The audit committee has both an advisory and preparatory function for decision matters prior to review and decision by Ratos's Board.

Each year, the audit committee adopts a fiscal cycle for its working duties and areas for which the audit committee is responsible. The audit committee is responsible for and monitors according to an adopted schedule, among other things, accounting and financial reporting, sustainability reporting, audit, internal control, corporate governance, risk management, purchases of non-audit-related services, tax payment, the parent company's guarantee and equity commitments, insurance, disputes and strategic accounting matters as well as compliance with rules and regulations and certain policy documents adopted by Ratos's Board. Furthermore, the audit committee oversees Ratos's externally operated whistleblowing system. The audit committee's work follows Ratos's interim reporting and Ratos's work on valuation matters and impairment testing, with five regular meetings held every year where the auditor participates in all committee meetings. Particular issues addressed in 2024 included questions related to Ratos's financial reporting, sustainability reporting, internal control issues and disputes. The CEO and senior executives normally participate in the meetings of the committee as rapporteur.

The audit committee submits proposals on matters that require a Board decision and the minutes are made available to all members of the Board. The Chairman of the committee maintains regular contact with the company's auditor.

Remuneration to the Board of Directors

The 2024 Annual General Meeting resolved that remuneration to the ordinary members of the Board should be paid in an amount of SEK 510,000 per member and year. Remuneration to the Chairman of the Board should amount to SEK 990,000 per year. It was decided to pay an additional SEK 330,000 per year to the Chairman of the audit committee and SEK 110,000 per year to other members of the committee. It was decided to pay SEK 75,000 per year to the Chairman of the compensation committee and SEK 75,000 per year to other members of the committee.

4 Auditor

Ratos's auditor is appointed annually by the Annual General Meeting. Nominations are made by the nomination committee. The auditor is tasked on behalf of shareholders to examine the company's annual accounts and consolidated financial statements as well as the administration of the company by the Board and the CEO, remuneration of senior executives (including the remuneration report), the sustainability report and the corporate governance work. The review work and auditor's report are presented at the Annual General Meeting.

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the audit firm Ernst & Young AB (EY) was re-elected as auditor until the next Annual General Meeting. EY appointed Erik Sandström as Chief Auditor. In addition to his assignment at Ratos, Erik Sandström is Chief Auditor for, among others, Atlas Copco, Epiroc and Essity. It is proposed that EY should be appointed by the 2025 Annual General Meeting as the company's audit firm until the next Annual General Meeting.

Auditor's fees

Remuneration is paid to the company's auditor in accordance with a special agreement on this matter in accordance with a resolution at the Annual General Meeting. For a specification of audit fees and fees for other assignments, see Note 8. Ratos's policy for the purchase of non-audit-related services is continuously monitored by the audit committee, which also evaluates the content of both auditing and consulting services.

5 Governance in Ratos

Ratos's principles for active ownership and the exercise of its ownership role

Ratos is a Swedish Group focused on technological and infrastructure solutions. The SBP includes specific strategic foundations that provide a basis for how we choose to act as an owner and how we view corporate governance. As an owner, Ratos is to add and create value but value creation and governance are therefore not identical in all situations. Having a clear division of responsibility between owner, board and CEO is important for the governance of Ratos's companies as well as for the parent company Ratos AB, and is therefore a key part of Ratos's business model and success as an owner. Read more about Ratos's exercise of its ownership role on page 22–24.

CEO and management group

The CEO is appointed by the Board and is responsible together with the management group for daily operations in Ratos in accordance with the Board's instructions. The CEO provides the Board with regular updates on operations and ensures that the Board members receive information on which to base well-considered decisions.

Ratos's management group consists of the CEO, CFO, Business Area Presidents, General Counsel and the Vice President Communication & Sustainability. The role of the management team is to prepare and implement strategies, manage corporate governance and organisational matters, and monitor Ratos's financial development and Ratos's sustainability programme.

The companies' financial development and ongoing activities are addressed at monthly meetings attended by the respective company's CEO and CFO alongside Ratos's CEO, CFO and other senior executives.

Remuneration to senior executives

Guidelines for remuneration to senior executives were approved at the 2022 Annual General Meeting. More information about basic and variable salary is available in Note 7.

Evaluation of the need for an internal audit

Ratos develops companies headquartered in the Nordics that are or can become market leaders. At the close of the year, Ratos had 15 companies operating in three business areas in different industries with various risks. With regard to Ratos and the need for an internal audit, it has been judged more suitable to discuss and decide for each individual company according to need, size and complexity, rather than from parent company or Group level.

Ratos performs an annual review of risks during which significant risks in the companies and Ratos are summarised and discussed by the management and boards of the respective companies and of Ratos. Ratos's management and Board can use the risk review as a basis to identify a need for a closer look at/development of certain areas, the opportunity to identify areas that need to be centralised/strengthened, and to provide guidance to the audit committee for audit priorities.

With 21 employees at the end of the year, the parent company Ratos AB has no complex functions that are difficult to analyse. The need to introduce an internal audit function for the parent company Ratos AB must therefore be regarded as negligible, which is why Ratos has decided, as in previous years, not to establish an internal audit function at Group level or for the parent company Ratos AB.

Internal control

The Board has overarching responsibility for ensuring that Ratos has an effective and adequate process for risk management and internal control. The purpose is to provide reasonable assurance that operations are conducted in an appropriate and effective manner, that external reporting is reliable and that laws as well as internal rules and policy documents are complied with. This work is conducted through structured Board work as well as by tasks being delegated to management, the audit committee and other employees. In addition, the Group engages in a dialogue with its auditors regarding their ongoing observations as well as the annual evaluation of internal control completed during the third quarter and presented by Ratos's auditors to the audit committee. Responsibilities and authorities are also defined in Ratos's assurance mapping, which is part of Ratos's risk management process, and in instructions for powers of authorisation, policy documents and manuals which provide guidelines and guidance for the Group's operations and employees.

Furthermore, the board of each company is responsible for ensuring that the company in question complies with laws and regulations as well as for compliance with internal policy documents and guidelines. A procedure has gradually been implemented to strengthen the follow-up of these matters.

Ratos has introduced a framework with minimum internal control requirements (MICR) connected to internal control for financial reporting (ICFR). The framework aims to ensure with reasonable certainty that the external financial reporting was is reliable and prepared according to laws, regulations, financial reporting standards and other relevant requirements for Ratos. Follow-up and assessment of minimum requirements in each company are performed annually and reported to Ratos's audit committee.

Ratos's risk management process

Ratos performs an annual review of risks where significant risks in its own operations and the companies are summarised and discussed by the management and boards of the respective companies and of Ratos. The process is intended to give Ratos's management and Board of Directors an understanding of Ratos's most material risks.

As part of good corporate governance, the companies are expected to have a continuous process for identifying, assessing and managing their risks. Each company's CEO and management have operational responsibility for ensuring that an appropriate risk management process is in place and has been approved by the individual company's board.

Ratos provides support to its companies in the form of structures and models, and works continuously to strengthen their risk processes as well as its own. Ratos has supplemented the risk management process to include an assurance mapping, meaning a clarification of responsibilities and validation of internal processes and identified risks. Ratos's most material risks are summarised in the Directors' Report on pages 40–43.

Internal control of financial reporting

Internal control of financial reporting is based on how Ratos's operations are conducted and how the organisation is built up. Ratos's operations consist of developing companies headquartered in the Nordics that are or can become market leaders. Ratos has three business areas – Construction & Services, Industry and Consumer – and each business area currently consists of two to eight companies. Each business area has a dedicated team that also works actively in the companies' boards. Each company is independent of other companies owned by Ratos. The aim is not that these companies' systems and reporting should be integrated into the Ratos Group, but resources are used for follow-up and development of financial reporting from subsidiaries and associates. Ratos's aim, as part of its value-creating work with the companies, is to create independent and high-quality organisations with a high quality of financial reporting.

Ratos has the overarching responsibility but the decisions and management of each company are carried out based on the needs, size and complexity of the company. Internal control of financial reporting is

therefore designed to be appropriate in Ratos AB as well as in the companies. Evaluations and decisions are made by each board and management. This means that the material risks that affect internal control of financial reporting are identified and managed by Ratos as well as at the company level.

The basis for internal control of financial reporting consists of an overarching control environment where organisation, decision-making processes, authority and areas of responsibility have been documented and communicated in several guiding documents. This means that authority and responsibility within Ratos AB and the individual subsidiaries are established in several internal guidelines, policy documents and manuals. This applies, for example, to the division of work between the Board and the CEO and other bodies set up by the Board, instructions for powers of authorisation as well as accounting and reporting instructions. This also serves to reduce the risk of irregularities and inappropriate favouring of a third party at the company's expense.

All companies report their complete accounts on a monthly basis and full-year forecasts. These reports are entered into a Group-wide consoli-

Internal risk management process for Ratos



dated reporting system. This is the foundation for the Group's consolidated financial reporting. Each company is responsible for its own financial management and for ensuring that the reports are correct, complete and delivered in time for the Group's reporting. The financial reporting is designed to follow the applicable laws and regulatory frameworks, such as IFRS. The companies' application of IFRS in their reporting and how they comply with the principle choices Ratos has made are followed up regularly. As support for the companies' reporting, Ratos's finance function has a number of supporting instructions and documents to ensure the financial reporting is complete and accurate.

Quality assurance for financial reporting

It is the opinion of the Board that the quality of a company's reporting is primarily determined by the organisation's competence in accounting matters as well as how the accounting, reporting and finance functions are staffed and organised. Ratos's business area managers and finance function are involved in the reporting from the companies. This means that the quality of the accounting and reporting of the companies is

continuously examined and developed. Ratos's business area managers, together with Ratos's finance function, evaluate the material reported by the companies analytically, looking at its completeness, accuracy and compliance with Ratos's accounting principles. Ratos's finance function has an active dialogue with each company. Any deviations noted in the legal and operational follow-up are corrected. Performance and risks that are identified are communicated monthly to the CEO and CFO who, where appropriate, in turn report to Ratos's Board.

Every month, the companies provide a report in which the activities in the company and the company's development are described and analysed. The report is submitted to Ratos's management and, in some cases, Ratos's Board. The reports are supplemented with monthly meetings between the companies and Ratos's management, during which the reporting is discussed and analysed to understand each company's financial development and follow up on the company's operations.

Accounts relating to acquisitions and investments as well as major transactions and accounting matters are discussed and regularly reconciled with Ratos's auditors. Group consolidation includes a number of

reconciliation controls, both manual and automatic, such as in the Group-wide consolidated reporting system.

Ratos's group finance function is organised and staffed on the basis of the need to ensure that the Group maintains a high accounting standard and complies with IFRS and other standards within accounting. Working duties include preparing regular accounts mainly for the parent company and preparing closing accounts for both the parent company and the Group. Ratos's finance function is led by Ratos's CFO and the employees have professional experience in reporting and accounting.

Through the audit committee, the Board oversees the internal control and the accuracy of the financial reporting and evaluates recommendations for improvement. The audit committee submits proposals on matters that require a Board decision.

Read more about Ratos's corporate governance

Read more about Ratos's corporate governance on our website under Governance

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